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CIVIL SERVICE DEBATE

Patterson Excuses Patronage But Laurier Pleads Ignorance

Ottawa, May 26.—At the house opening Mr. R. L. Borden read a telegram stating that the government steamer Champlain was being used by the Quebec Liberals for election purposes. The Premier said he had no knowledge of the matter and in the absence of the Minister of Marine he could give no definite answer. It found that it was being used the government would stop it. Mr. Borden asked if it were true that at Halifax the government immigration employees were endeavoring to divert emigrants from their intended destinations. Hon. Frank Oliver had no information of the matter, which he characterized as highly improper.

On motion to go into supply Mr. Foster moved "that the Civil Service should be based on character and merit and character alone and that appointments thereto shall be made on by from candidates whose competency is established through open competition in examinations conducted under a non-partisan commission. He referred to the English and U.S. for examples. In England the employees were under a special board or permanent department chief and removable only for cause and that stated in writing. Political religion was not regarded as a cause. In the United States there were competitive examinations and a commission of three nominated, the three highest in order of merit, from whom the department head selects. Charges of partisanship among employees were tried by a

independent civil service commission. After citing Australia where similar conditions exist, he turned to Canada, declaring that the service had retrograded in the last fifteen years. Two principle reasons, he added, were the lack of supervision which led to the retention of old, inefficient servants, and secondly the necessity of a political pull in order to secure promotion.

Replying to the Premier Mr. Foster said the United States had no patronage system, though there was a strong movement for it, but it paid more generously. He declared the patronage system was never before so ready, so heartless, or conscientious. It might not be the fault of the present government, but he condemned it. Hon. Mr. Pughley for handling patronage over to a ward committee. "But is not the Minister answerable for all?" interjected the Hon. Mr. Patterson.

"Is that the best defence the minister can make?" returned Mr. Foster. "If so I am willing to leave it there."

Continuing he said that the present system of examinations gave no notice and it was useless to try unless the applicant belonged to the party in power.

The Premier interposed, "I have no such knowledge."

"But is that not the tendency?" questioned Mr. Foster, who summed up the whole result of the system as a lack of principle in the civil service.

Harry Thaw Still Insane

Poughkeepsie, N.Y., May 26.—Harry C. Thaw has accepted, apparently with resignation the decree of Supreme Court Justice Murchauser, that he is still insane, and that the interests of the public will be best served by denying him liberty. Pending the signing of the papers of commitment, which probably will not be done before a week from next Saturday. Thaw will occupy Sheriff Chamber's suite in the county building here.

FATHER OF ORANGEISM DEAD.

Vancouver, B. C., May 27.—Major Stewart Mulvey, formerly of Winnipeg, died this morning at North Vancouver. He came here to reside last fall on his retirement from the secretaryship of the Winnipeg school board. He was very popular and highly esteemed in the local Manitoba colony and his death is deeply regretted. He was known throughout the west as the "Father of Orangeism in the West."

KAISER AFTER THE DOUGH

Berlin, May 26.—The discovery that there is a movement afoot to provide a material increase in the amount of the German Emperor's civil list, promises to inject an unexpected element of interest into the forthcoming elections to the Prussian parliament. The Kaiser now has at his disposal about 16,000,000 marks (\$3,400,000) annually, which he receives as king of Prussia.

TROOPS TO REMAIN.

Washington, May 27.—As a result of several conferences between President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft and General Bell, chief of staff of the army, none of the United States troops will be withdrawn from Cuba at the present time.

Football

STRATHCONA CITY V.S. Y.M.C.A.

This evening at the Agricultural Park here the Strathcona City football team and the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. played a schedule game in the Inter-City League. The Edmonton boys have a fast aggressive team and are the only aggregation in the league, outside the City, to defeat the husky Caledonians. In the first game between these two teams the City triumphed by the narrow margin of one goal and tonight's contest should be just as close. The locals are still without the service of a couple of their regulars who have not yet recovered from the effects of the game with St. Paul a couple of weeks ago, but, nevertheless, expect to have a good team on the field. The two Bisset Bros., who have just returned from college, will be on the lineup for the first time this season and should not yet be definitely chosen but has not yet been definitely chosen but will be picked from the following players:

A. Bisset, D. Bisset, Abbott, Cox, Belamy, Jennings, Judge, Newman, Christie, Embell, Heap and Bartram.

TRINITY VS. ST. PAULS.

In Edmonton Strathcona Trinity and Edmonton St. Pauls meet tonight for the first time this season. The Trinity boys have quite a reputation and are a hard team to beat. A good game should result.

PROVINCIAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE BENNETT TROPHY.

The following teams have entered for the above trophy, the finals of which are to be played in Calgary during the Dominion Exhibition. Caledonians, Edmonton; St. Pauls, Edmonton; Strathcona City, Strathcona; Banhead, F. C., Banhead; Lethbridge Rangers, Lethbridge; Young Men's Club, Banhead; and winners of Calgary City League.

The two Edmonton teams play a sudden death game before 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and the winners meet Strathcona City before June 2nd. It is likely that the winner of this game will have the honor of representing Northern Alberta in the finals at Calgary. The trophy is in the form of a shield, and will be played for yearly.

FOR BRITISH RECIPROCITY.

Montreal, May 26.—A cable from London says the most significant outcome of the two days' full dress debate in the House of Lords on preference is the fact now established that the Ballou minister which such hypocrisies brings nearer to power, will place imperial reciprocity in the front of its program. Lords Curzon, Milner and Lansdowne, who formerly hesitated or opposed it, now agree that preference is an essential part of the empire's policy. The great importance is attached to the French-Canadian treaty, and the probability of its sequel on colonial treaties with Germany and other foreign states whereby British preference in colonies may be withheld free almost to nothing in the absence of British reciprocity. Even staunch free traders like Lord Stalwell, formerly Sir Michael Hicks-Beach warned the ministry that they imperil their existence if they ever neglect the overwhelming demand of the British people for closer relations with the colonies.

Another important outcome of the debate is Lord Lansdowne's demand that the British parliament be fully informed of exactly what changes were made during the Franco-Canadian negotiations in Canada's treaty-making powers. No correspondence has been laid before parliament, and Canadianists also look on such vital details.

Votes For Women Campaign

New York, May 25.—A special cable from London to the New York Herald today says: Few people here realize the daring plan of Mr. Asquith to win the support of the women for women in a bid.

The whole plan of the government is now directed toward winning the next general election, and being in office another six years. They are aware that no little in their present term of office, beyond laying the foundation of a great scheme of revolutionary reform, and all their plans and energies are now to be turned toward the attainment of this great object.

The fact that Mr. Asquith has become convinced of the desirability of promising votes to women, shows the strength of the propaganda going on behind the scenes. The Lords will oppose the extension of the vote to women or a wider franchise. The government is aware of this, but counts on such a rejection being of great assistance to the Liberal candidates at the next election.

If the bill goes through, the government believes that its strength will be greatly increased, so that in a contingency Mr. Asquith hopes to carry favor with the electorate by his general election.

There is no doubt that the Liberals last move in the game before the have suffered a great deal from the anti-feminist opposition in the country. A majority of the cabinet are well known to be in favor of giving women the vote, and the anti-feminist campaign has so well organized and so well directed that it would have courted their hostility at the general election. The country has yet to understand that it is now being run by a small but active, powerful and far-seeing group of ambitious politicians, whose ideas may carry it no one can tell where.

Entente Cordiale Gets a Boost

London, May 26.—M. Fallieres, president of France had a busy day today. He started at an early hour by holding a reception to the Caille de la Reine, Lord at the French Embassy after which he made a round of ceremonial calls upon various members of the English reigning house. In the afternoon, accompanied by King Edward and Queen Alexandra, he paid a state visit to the Prince-Bishop of Exeter in St. Andrew's Church. President Fallieres is proving a highly popular visitor. Huge crowds gathered wherever there is a possibility of seeing him pass and the cheers which he is greeted are exceptionally hearty.

Paris, May 26.—Whatever may be the opinion of the rest of Europe, the French public believes that the present visit of President Fallieres to England is significant. It holds that the presence of Foreign Minister Pichon means that the entente cordiale which has been a moral understanding for some time past, is now about to receive, even if secretly, a consecration of a more official nature, thus being a guarantee of the peace of Europe such as history has never before recorded.

"If Germany does not like this new combination of England, France and Russia, brought about by the consummate skill of King Edward, she at least knows that she is the cause of its having come into existence." is the brutally frank language of an editorial in the Echo de Paris.

That President Fallieres' visit is the first step in the inauguration of a new scheme for the European balance of power in which France will play the part of the "Good Brother" between England and Russia was the thought animating the enthusiastic crowd of French citizens, who cheered at President Pichon's departure yesterday.

City Council

Mayor Duggan Takes His Seat and Business Proceeds

Mayor J. J. Duggan who was sworn a few days ago took his seat at the City Council, last evening.

The secretary treasurer read a report stating that Mr. Duggan had been returned unopposed for the office. He had then the statutory declaration, after which the mayor made a short speech in which he said that as the estimates for the year had been passed and arrangements made he would not say at present what he was going to do, but as time went on he might have reason to consider the making of changes in the arrangements. He had, he went on to say been in the city hall before but the city charter had been passed since then, and he was to some unfamiliar with the procedure now and might find it necessary to ask questions sometimes. He hoped the aldermen would assist him and work harmoniously together in the best interests of the city.

The regular routine work was then proceeded with, the correspondence coming first, after the reading and adoption of the minutes.

Messrs. Brown, Mitchell & Co., of Toronto, wrote asking for an option on some of the city debentures, and the suggestion of Alderman Sheppard it was decided to give them an option on the \$50,000 hospital debentures, carrying a 3 per cent interest at par. A complaint read from Messrs. Crawford and Weeks that rain water collecting in the lane between their apartment rooms and the Strathcona House had caused a cave in alongside their front wall, which would have to be taken out and rebuilt. They asked the council to have the matter investigated, as they thought the city would be liable for the damage.

Engineer McLean said the damage was caused by rain water draining off the roof of the Strathcona House, and he thought the proprietors of the hotel were liable.

The matter was referred to the city solicitor and the engineer.

It was understood that Mr. John Gainer, who was present, had some representations to make with regard to the destruction of oil at the abattoir of his firm, but on being invited

to speak Mr. Gainer said as Mr. Downes, the police magistrate and Mr. Turnbull, the sanitary inspector, whom he had invited to attend, were not present he would postpone his remarks.

The following accounts were ordered paid, they having been certified by the city auditor.

J. D. Hutton	\$ 5.10
W. E. Ross	10.15
Canadian Pacific Railway ..	45.35
Hamilton Engine Paching Co. ..	319.95
McCull Bros. & Co.	60.35
Stan. Plumbing & Heating Co. ..	10.25
E. L. Crumb	6.00
J. Corby	40.00
Canadian Westinghouse Co.	1693.67
The cost of the city engineer ..	
The cost of proposed extension of the sewer system in wards 2, 3 and 4 for fire protection purposes was read and again ordered laid on the table for future consideration. The cost of the extension outlined in report was stated as—	
Ward 2	995.50
" 3	1579.50
" 4	847.75
Total	3323.75

The following by-laws received their third reading and were finally passed.

A by-law to amend the public health by-law so as to provide for a penalty of \$50 for spitting in public places.

A by-law to amend the by-law providing for the appointment of a food inspector and defining his duties. The only amendment made is the changing of the title of the official from "food inspector" to veterinary inspector.

A by-law for licensing and regulating dairies and vendors of milk.

Two hours were spent in a wearisome discussion of the last named measure in committee of the whole, and it was found necessary to suspend the eleven o'clock session.

The new pound by-law was brought up again, but received another "hoist" and the old by-law will continue to be enforced.

The action of the mayor in re-appointing W. J. Peters as special constable for 15 days was confirmed.

U.S.A. Will Launch Battleship

Washington, May 25.—Tuesday next at Camden, N.J., there will be launched the battleship Michigan, the first American all-big-gun ship. The Michigan is a sister ship of the South Carolina, which however, has not yet been launched, and represents the first attempt by the United States government at the construction of a vessel the principal object of which is the carrying of as many heavy guns of even calibre as her displacement will permit.

The displacement of the Michigan is 16,000 tons against nominally 17,000 tons of the British Dreadnaught class. Her main battery will include eight 12-inch rifles in four turrets, and two submerged torpedo tubes. It is claimed she will be able to fire as many guns broadside as can be fired from the five turrets of the British Dreadnaught. The Michigan is to have also a secondary battery of twenty-two 3-inch rapid fire, two 3-pounders semi-automatic, and minor caliber guns designed mainly for defense against torpedo attacks. The Michigan is being constructed by the New York Shipbuilding Company, and her contract price is \$5,500,000. She is about 50 per cent completed. Miss Carol B. Newberry, the daughter of Assistant Secretary Newberry, has been named sponsor for the ship at her launching. The vessel will have accommodation for fifty five officers and 918 crew.

Blown to Pieces

Roseland B.C., May 25.—Murder powers was instantly killed yesterday afternoon at 2.30, while loading some sleds in a slope in the 11th level of the Centre Star mine with a new pow called Mitchellite. John J. Jones the timberman, was handling him, the powder while he loaded the sleds, 3 of which was being loaded when the explosion occurred. Powers had his head partially blown off, and his body was filled with small pieces of stone and a large cut was made in his neck, severing the jugular vein. Jones was thrown several feet, but was not severely hurt. The powder had been exploded with about two weeks by the mine management, and stood on its side. It had been ground so that it would pass through a screen, and had been thrown against an iron radiator without exploding. The corner's jury to-day found that the cause of the explosion was the friction of the jagged rocks in the hole, which had been fired by the shift which worked on Saturday night. Powers was an old timer, and had been shift boss and foreman in Roseland camp for about ten years.

RACE FOR LIFE.

Winnipeg, May 26.—George Randall a Wapota farmer began a race against time for the life of his ten year old daughter when he started for St. Paul today to place the child in the paediatric institute to have her treated for rabies. She was bitten by a mad dog last week. The head of the dog was taken to Regina and being examined, pronounced to be suffering from rabies. The race for life was then started.

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it a favour to receive any
items of local news, social,
general or personal. It is
always anxious to give pub-
licity to little incidents likely
to be of interest and not cal-
culated to injure feelings or
cause unpleasantness.

Around the City

Mr. E.T. Baines, secretary of the
Strathcona Board of Trade, has
shown us some fine specimens of blue
grass and bunch grass grown in the
neighborhood. They were brought in
to his office on Friday and averaged
24 inches in length.

A mare which was placed in the
city pound last week foaled a couple
of days ago, and the poundkeeper wants
to know who is entitled to the
foal of 25c, for impounding the foal
Alderman Richards suggests that the
old mare is entitled to the credit and
should be given an extra feed of oats.

The bank of Saskatchewan Avenue
between Mr. E.H. Paul's residence
and Mr. J.W. McLagan's residence
appears to be in a very shaky state
and a piece more is very liable to
slip off down the hill. Something
should be done to prevent this. When
half of the road has slipped over the
bank it will cost a very large sum
to build it up again.

The alterations and extensions on
Messrs Elder & Wood's premises are
now practically complete and they
will be able to develop their restaur-
ant business without being cramped
for space.

Mayor Duggan's remarks to the
council last night on taking the chair
were brief and to the point. Perhaps
he might have prefixed his remarks
with the Shakespearean quotation "I
am no orator as Brutus is"—or was.

There was a changing of Aldermanic
seats last night Alderman Tipton ob-
taining places with Alderman Bush. The
Council now sit as follows—on the
Mayor's right Aldermen Richards, Tip-
ton, Sheppard and Elliott in this or-
der and on the left Aldermen Bush,
Cameron, Somersall and Baulin.

There is a very pleasing demand
for information as to the City De-
partments from financial brokers who
express the opinion that they can get
purchasers at a price. This shows
first a general improvement of the fi-
nancial situation and second the sta-
bility of Strathcona's credit.

The "score heads" are always talk-
ing about no building going on. Well
apart altogether from private dwell-
ings we would suggest that the Col-
legiate the Canadian Bank of Commerce
new building and the Telephone Ex-
change building things are not so
desperately bad.

The Vaudeville show to-night should
be a sure draw at the Opera House.
This is one of the best Vaudeville
entertainments that Edmonton has.
It is here because the Edmonton Opera
House had been engaged for some time
back for tonight.

The roller skating carnival on Fri-
day should surely draw the youth
and hearty. It attracts the latter
the swates will follow.

Alderman Sheppard was busy this
morning moving the pressed steel
boats which he has had sent from
the States. A number of them are
still to be seen in J. E. Green's pre-
mises in Whyte Avenue East.

Manager Whitehead of the Strath-
cona Opera House has looked the
Harold B. Nelson Company for June
18th. This Company are well known
and deservedly popular in the West.

The voting on money By-laws Num-
bers 251, 253 and 254 previously ad-
vertised in these columns takes place
tomorrow. The outlays which these
by-laws are to meet have been made
and it is essential that the by-laws
pass in order to pay the bills.

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